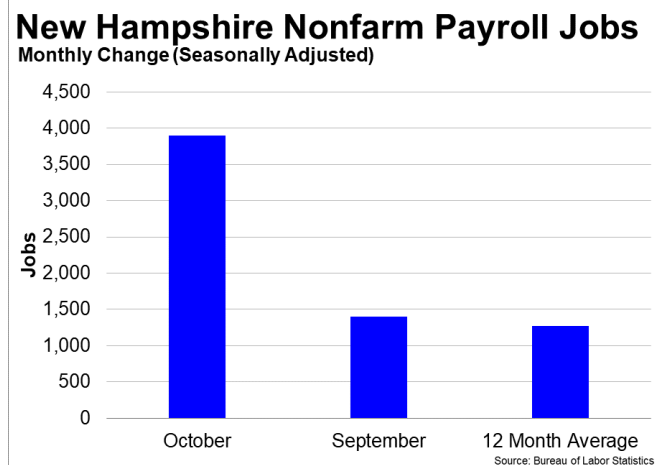
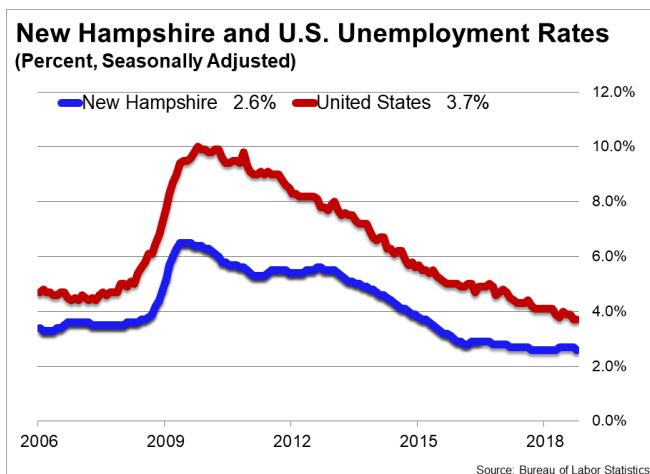




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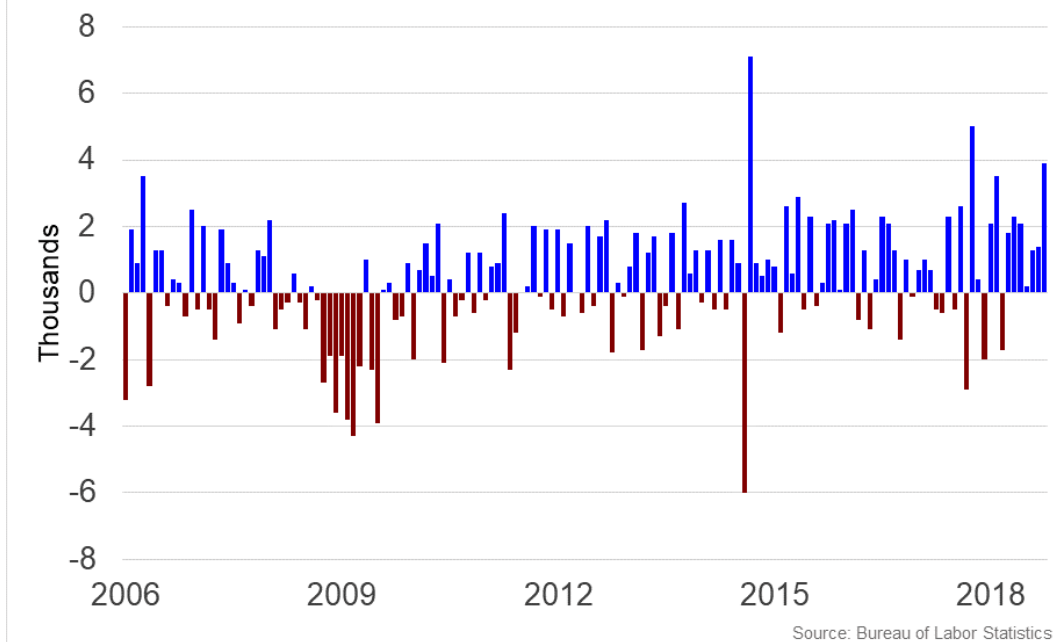
Summary

- **New Hampshire added 3,900 jobs and the unemployment rate declined by 0.1 percentage point to 2.6 percent in October** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, New Hampshire added 15,300 jobs** and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 2.6 percent.
- **In October, New Hampshire's private sector added 3,400 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 14,200 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed New Hampshirites fell by 519 in October**, and over the past year 15,345 New Hampshirites found jobs.
- New Hampshire's **labor force participation rate remains unchanged** from 68.5 percent in October. Since last year, the labor force participation rate rose 0.8 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **was unchanged at 3.7 percent in October**. State employment and unemployment data for November is scheduled for release on December 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for November will be released on Friday, December 7, 2018.



New Hampshire Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



New Hampshire Payroll Employment

New Hampshire added 3,900 jobs, or 0.56 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during October. In the prior month, New Hampshire added 1,400 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in New Hampshire increased by 15,300, or 2.25 percent. New Hampshire nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 10 of the past 12 months.

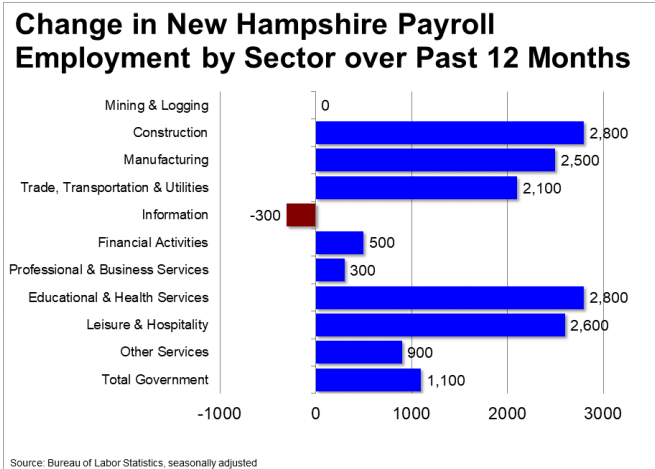
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 250,000 jobs in October, or 0.17 percent. Over the 12-month period ending October 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,516,000 jobs, or 1.71 percent. New Hampshire ranks 15th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During October, New Hampshire's private-sector added 3,400 jobs, or 0.57 percent. The private-sector in New Hampshire added 1,300 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in New Hampshire increased by 14,200, or 2.41 percent. New Hampshire private-sector payroll employment has increased in 10 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 246,000 jobs in October, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,450,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.96 percent. New Hampshire ranks 16th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during October were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+800) and Leisure & Hospitality (+800). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Mining & Logging (unchanged) and Information (+100).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Construction (+2,800) and Educational & Health Services (+2,800). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Information (-300) and Mining & Logging (unchanged).



New Hampshire Labor Force Statistics

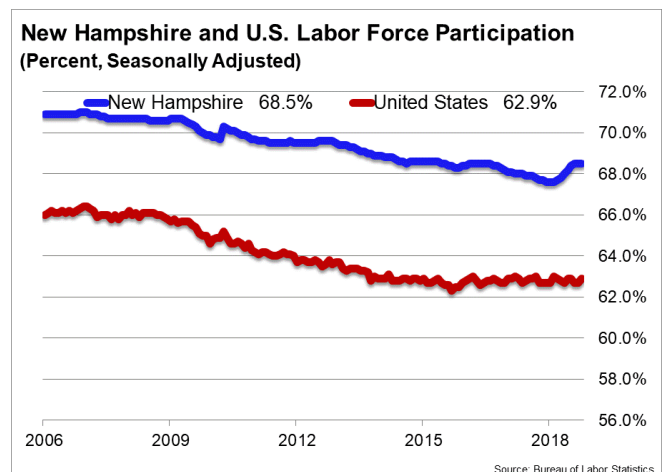
Labor Force Participation

The labor force participation rate in New Hampshire was unchanged at 68.5 percent in October. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, 6 have a higher labor force participation rate than New Hampshire. The labor force participation rate in New Hampshire is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in New Hampshire was 70.7 percent in April 2009. The series high for the labor force participation rate in New Hampshire occurred in January 1990 when the labor force participation rate hit 73.7 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 67.6 percent in February 2018. The series low for the labor force participation rate occurred in April 1976 when the labor force participation rate hit 65.7 percent. The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent in October, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

Employment-to-Population Ratio

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the New Hampshire civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, rose to 66.8 percent in October from 66.7 percent the prior month. At 66.8 percent, New Hampshire has



one of the five highest employment-to-population ratios in the nation. The employment-to-population ratio in New Hampshire is 0.9 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in New Hampshire was 67.5 percent in November 2008. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in New Hampshire occurred in January 1989 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 71.3 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 65.4 percent in February 2010. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in May 1976 when the employment-to-population ratio was 61.2 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage point to 60.6 percent in October. That rate was 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

